



Web3D Consortium CAD3D Working Group

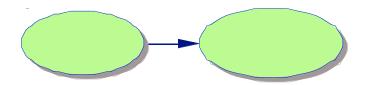
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CAD data repurposing

- High cost of repurposing
 - Vendor proprietary formats
 - Process not scalable
- Complex interchange standards







CWG Solution

- CAD Distillation Format (CDF)
- CDF is not just a file format, it's a process

http://www.web3d.org/applications/cad/index.html

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Key Points

- Distills high complexity data to low complexity
- Low cost of adoption royalty free
- Extensible, open technology leveraged from open technology
- Communication channel between projects/programs
- XML technology integrates seamlessly with enterprise





Importance to VIB and NASA

- Enables reuse of CAD and 3D assets
- Lowers cost of acquiring "good" data
- Promotes federation
- XML technology integrates with ECS





Adoption

- Applicability of "CDF" name
- Customers
- Vendors
- SDK





Legalities

- Digital Rights Management (DRM)
 - Enabled by XML standards
 - Follows W3C recommendations
- IP policy
 - Royalty free technologies only





Future Issues

- NURBS
- Animation